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SUBJECT: _____

COMMENTS: As requested, the signed Petition in the

above is attached.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Patent Application of Edward T. Buford, III

Serial No. 09/912,692

Group Art Unit: 3747

Filed: 07/26/2001

Examiner: R. Chin

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PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C. F. R. §1.137(b)

Applicant, through counsel, respectfully requests revival of the foregoing unintentionally abandoned application pursuant to 37 CFR §1.137(b). In support of this request, Petitioner states as follows:

1. That on an August 15, 2001 applicant was advised of the deficiencies in the subject application and notified of the action needed to correct the subject deficiencies.
2. That inadvertently, applicant failed to make the necessary corrections and file same with the office within the time required by the office
3. That Applicant has made the correction requested by the office and has included a copy of the application as originally filed and a copy of the corrected application along with this petition. Specifically, the error noted by the office with respect to the Claims not being presented on a separate page from the Specification has been corrected.
4. That the time for filing a response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers expired prior to the filing of the enclosed corrected papers. As a consequence, the

Application was deemed Abandoned for failure to file the corrected application papers timely.

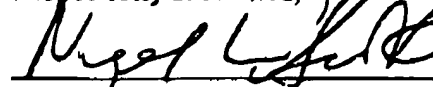
5. That the failure to file the corrected Application Papers was unintentional and the abandonment of the subject application was also unintentional.

6. That the entire delay in filing the reply due in the form of corrected application papers from the due date for the filing of the reply until the present, including the filing of the instant 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional.

In further support of the foregoing Petition to Revive an unintentionally abandoned application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), Applicant submits the following:

- a. The Specification and Claims of the subject invention have been placed on separate sheets as required by the Office. Copies of the Specification and Claims, as originally filed and the Specification and Claims, as corrected are being submitted herewith.
- b. The petition fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(m) is enclosed.
- c. A statement that the entire delay between the reply due and the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional is included in the petition.
- d. A Terminal Disclaimer under 37 CFR § 1.137 (d) is not required.

Respectfully submitted,



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